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The supply of labor relates itself closely to the relative attractiveness of city and country life and employment. Illuminating figures are given showing to what extent people have left, and are leaving, the country districts. Explanations of the changes are offered. Chief among these are the use of more machines, the apparent higher wages in cities, the shorter and more regular hours of city labor, the increase in grazing, and the increase in size of farms. It is claimed that the decline in agricultural production has been slight.

An interesting discussion is given on the conditions of employment. This includes an outline of the duties of different classes of laborers, samples of the contracts and agreements, regularity of employment, and so on. It appears that the hours while considered long in England are distinctly shorter than on American farms.

Wages have responded to the general increase of prices, yet not in the same degree. Wages rose something like 60 to 75 per cent, while wheat, barley, and oats rose approximately 125 per cent in value during the first three years of the war.

The housing situation is presented in considerable detail, and the relation of employers and employees brings up the question of allotment and small holdings. The allotment is spoken of in commendatory terms. The small holdings receive doubtful praise, but their possibilities socially are noted.

There is an admission that farming profits have increased since the beginning of the war but it is held that they were too low previously. A tariff is suggested as a means of maintaining prices.

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